

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the last paragraph on page 4 of the specification, lines 16-27, with the following paragraph:

--In the above formula (2), when R<sup>6</sup> or R<sup>7</sup> is alkyl, each may typically be methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, amyl, octyl, decyl, octadecyl and the like. When R<sup>6</sup> or R<sup>7</sup> is aralkyl, it may typically be benzyl, betaphenylethyl and the like. When R<sup>6</sup> or R<sup>7</sup> is cycloalkyl, it may typically be cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl, 2-methylcycloheptyl, 3-butylcyclohexyl, 1,3-methylcyclohexyl, and the like. When R<sup>6</sup> or R<sup>7</sup> is alkaryl, it may typically be tolyl, xylyl, and the like. R<sup>6</sup> or R<sup>7</sup> may be inertly substituted, i.e., it may bear a non-reactive substituent such as alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, ether, and the like. Typically, inertly ~~instituted~~ substituted R<sup>6</sup> or R<sup>7</sup> groups may include 2-ethoxyethyl, carboethoxymethyl, 4-methyl cyclohexyl, and the like. The preferred R<sup>6</sup> or R<sup>7</sup> groups may be lower alkyl, i.e., C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl groups including e.g., methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, butyl, amyl, hexyl, octyl, decyl, and the like.--